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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Markus LUTZ
 Serial No. : 10/092,890
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 For : SI WAFER-CAP WAFER BONDING METHOD USING LOCAL LASER ENERGY, DEVICE PRODUCED BY THE METHOD, AND SYSTEM USED IN THE METHOD

Group Art Unit : 2825
 Examiner : Yevsikov, Victor
 Confirmation No. : 1147
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2004 (the one-month response date for which is February 16, 2004), the Examiner required restriction/election as follows:

Restriction was required as between "Group I" of claims 19-39 and "Group II" of claims 1-18.

Accordingly, Applicant elects without traverse Group II (claims 1 to 18).

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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